

Aston, PA – Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) recognized Sun Valley High School Senior Nicholas Denton (pictured), presenting him on Friday with the 7th Congressional District Leadership in Marine Corp ROTC Award for his outstanding performance in the program and his commitment to helping others. Denton, also a recipient of the Philadelphia Inquirer Citizenship Award, was acknowledged for completing more than 300 hours of community service, as well as his positions in leadership as Vice President of his Senior Class and co-captain of his school's ice hockey team.

"Nicholas has demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout his four years at Sun Valley High School," said Congressman Sestak. "I commend him for his dedication to service and I am convinced he will continue to lead well beyond his years at Sun Valley. Furthermore, I admire his enthusiasm and dedication to pursuing a career in military service."

*Former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, and was Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships, with more than 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft, that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He previously served in the White House as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, he is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.*

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